

AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

MILITARY MEET HELD TO-NIGHT

It Is Not Connected with the Amateur Athletic Union.

LETTER FROM DR. WM. GRANT

Says No Registered Man May Compete In the Meet Here.

Great interest is being displayed in the track meet to be held to-night in the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment Armory under the auspices of the Virginia Volunteer Athletic Association, and it gives promise of being a very successful affair.

The meet is not in any way connected with the A. A. U., and no man registered in the A. A. U. will enter the meet to-night, it being purely for amateurs.

Dr. William Grant, chairman of the registration committee of the South Atlantic Association, of the A. A. U., wrote to The Times-Dispatch, saying that this is an unsanctioned meet—that is, not recognized by the Amateur Athletic Union—and that any man registered in the A. A. U. who should enter and compete in the meet would suspend himself from amateur standing and would not be eligible to enter any amateur athletic event.

However, as already stated, no man registered in the A. A. U. will compete to-night, and those who will enter and their names as competitors have withdrawn them. The Richmond Howitzers who had entered a relay team, all of whom are registered in the A. A. U., have withdrawn their team; as have also the Richmond High School, McGuire's has withdrawn its first team, all of whom were registered, and substituted for them a team, none of the members of which are registered in the A. A. U.

In order that the matter may be more fully explained and understood, Dr. Grant's letter is given, as follows:

Richmond, Va., March 5, 1907.
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch.

Dear Sir:—I see by an article in your issue of the 4th inst. that there is to be an athletic meet at Richmond on Thursday, March 7th, and that you are of the opinion that this is an unsanctioned meet, and that any registered Amateur Athletic Union man who enters and competes in the meet would suspend himself from amateur standing, and will not be eligible to enter any amateur athletic event.

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Following is the program of events and the entries:

First—50-yard dash, open—J. C. Purcell, R. E. Luttrell and J. M. Dunn, Junior Howitzers; A. C. McGuire, Company C; E. J. Bailey, Company J; B. A. McCowitt, Company C; C. S. Hester, Company C; M. Shepley, Company A; T. D. Adams and W. Taylor, Junior Howitzers.

Second—Junior Howitzers vs. Junior Blues—Ralph Luttrell, Dickson Polley, Arthur McGuire and George Polley; E. Roberts, J. Unnissig, E. Dunn and W. Combe.

Third—half-mile run, open—J. Carson, Junior Howitzers; A. C. McGuire, H. L. Butler and B. B. Saloun, Company C; S. Harrison and J. Penny, N. A. C. Guards—Orestes, Hughie L. Murphy and Hogan; Adamson, C. Williams (Capt.), Walker Adams and W. Taylor.

Fourth—mile run, open—G. H. Anderson and B. H. Ricker, Company B; R. H. Ladd, Company A; B. B. Saloun and A. J. Penning, Company C; J. Penning, O. Polley.

Fifth—Junior Howitzers vs. McGuire's—McGuire's—R. Luttrell, D. Polley, A. McGuire and G. Polley; N. Ingram, J. Jones, C. Gray and G. Dunn.

Sixth—high jump, open—J. Carson, Junior Howitzers; G. Kelley, Company B; George Polley, Company B; St. Augustine, L. Ludwig, Junior Howitzers; T. D. Adams, McGuire's.

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PHILADELPHIA'S YOUNG SAMPSON



ROBERT RUCKSTOOL.

Philadelphia can boast of a boy who is probably the strongest of his weight and years in the world. Robert Ruckstool, now eighteen years old, weight 150 1/2 pounds, and standing five feet six inches in height, three years ago was a puny schoolboy weighing scarcely 105 pounds. He started by gradual exercise to build up his strength and physique. When he accomplished the feat of pushing up a 50-pound bell with one hand, his ambition also began to rise. He threw down the gauntlet to any amateur in Pennsylvania, and defeated Frank Jones, one year ago, for the State championship by

pressing up a 150-pound bell with one hand and 200 pounds double lift. Recently at a public exhibition at Hermann's Physical Institute, he pressed up a 150-pound bell with one hand and 200 pounds double. It is believed that this performance has never been equaled by any boy of his age. Young Ruckstool is a remarkable specimen of physical development. His chest measurement is 44 inches, with 6 1/2 expansion, while his biceps and thighs measure accordingly. His weight-lifting is all for fun and health, and he toys with 100-pound bells the same as an artisan handles a tool weighing but ounces.

CITY WOULD TAX ATHLETIC GAMES

Case is Now Pending Before the Hustings Court—Sports Interests Will Probably Come Out Victorious.

Sportsmen and athletic interests generally in the city of Richmond and in the State will be somewhat startled and surprised to learn that there is now a case pending before the Hustings Court of this city between the Commonwealth and the athletic interests of Richmond, represented by the Broad Street Ball Park, as to whether the commissioner of revenue shall have the right to enforce a license tax upon the playing of baseball and football and upon all other games of an athletic nature, where an entrance fee is required.

Sometimes ago Commissioner of Revenue Hawkins appeared before the Hustings Court, asking them to levy a tax upon all athletic exhibitions in this city. Last year a license tax of \$100 was imposed upon the Richmond Club of the Virginia Baseball League, and Mr. William H. Sands, representing the baseball interests of this city, entered later an appeal from the court's decision making this tax legal and is fighting now to protect the athletic interests of the city from such a tax. Meanwhile, it may be stated that it is a curious and noteworthy fact that Richmond is the only city in Virginia attempting to tax athletic interests. All the other cities of the State cater to the interests of true sportsmanship and allow all such exhibitions free of charge.

Should the city be successful in the case now before the court, all college and academic, as well as baseball club exhibitions, will be affected. In many cases the result would be the college and academic and all other small games would be forced to suspend, as the gate receipts would not be enough to pay the license tax imposed. To the city schools and academies, and small local clubs, the management of Broad Street Park allows the privileges of the park free of all charge, recognizing the fact that the smaller athletic interests need to be fostered rather than taxed, and that they should be helped in every way possible rather than retarded. The city, on the other hand, it seems, would tax the exhibition of the younger and smaller sportsmen, as the enforcement of such a tax would operate as effectively upon them as upon the larger clubs and teams who might be able to pay the tax without serious inconvenience.

The athletic people, however, are fully confident that the court will not

EARLY GAMES OF COMING SEASON

Princeton Tigers to Play Several Games in This City—Season Will Open on April 18th.

The first big baseball game to be played in Richmond is scheduled to occur on March 18th, when the "Tigers" of Princeton, will play against the "Yellow Jackets" of Randolph-Macon. Princeton is sending her team South to get in the early spring practice in a kinder climate than that to be had in New Jersey; and on the day following the game with Randolph-Macon they will play Richmond College.

The Montreal Club, of the Eastern League, will be here on April 1st and 2d to play against the Richmond Lawmakers, which will be the first exhibition game of the latter team.

Richmond College is scheduled to play against the Lawmakers on April 4th.

The famous New York Americans will be here to play Richmond College on April 5th and 6th. On the 9th

and 10th, Wilmington, Del., of the Tri-State League, will play the Richmond League team.

Baltimore will play the Lawmakers on April 12th and 13th. On April 18th, the Virginia State League will open the season.

On April 28th and 29th, Princeton will play Richmond College.

The park has already been leased for several football games, besides the game scheduled to be played between the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina.

Richmond-Macon will play its championship football game with William and Mary on November 16th. On October 26th, Richmond College will line up against Hampden-Sydney.

On November 23d, Richmond College will play her annual championship contest with Randolph-Macon.

SPIDERS BEGIN EARLY PRACTICE

Men Don New Uniforms, and Signs Are That the Team Will be of the Heavy Hitting Order.

March 4th saw the initial appearance of the Richmond College baseball squad in the field. Manager Davis had his equipment ready in full, and made many hearts glad last Monday by allowing the men to don their new uniforms and report for outdoor practice.

Coach Dunlop took active charge, and restricted the practice to batting, on account of the weather being unfavorable for throwing. The manner in which many of the candidates stepped into the balls and batted them around the field leads one to believe that the Spiders will turn out a heavy-hitting team.

The showing so far is exceedingly bright for a winning team. Wright and Lodge are looked upon as a star battery, and with Third baseman Richardson, First Baseman Martin, Shortstop Gardner, Outfielders Miller, Smith, Luck and Saunders, of last year's team, and thirty new applicants to select from, the collegians are expected to render a good account of themselves.

Orders have been issued for men to report for field practice whenever weather permits, and in case of bad weather, to continue the "gym" and cage work. Next week the season opens up with a practice game with the medical school.

The schedule is rapidly nearing completion, the following games having been arranged:

March 23—Princeton, at Richmond.

April 4—Richmond professionals, at Richmond.

April 6—Randolph-Macon, at Ashland.

April 10—Hermitage Golf Club, at Richmond.

April 13—Hermitage Golf Club, at Richmond.

April 15—Richmond professionals, at Richmond.

April 16—Trinity College, at Richmond.

April 22—Randolph-Macon, at Ashland.

April 23—Davidson, at Richmond.

May 6 or 20—William and Mary (champs.), at Richmond.

May 11—Hampden-Sydney (champs.), at Hampden-Sydney.

May 13—Randolph-Macon (champs.), at Richmond.

Manager Davis also expects to close the following games in a few days:

April 1—Columbia University, at Newport News.

April 17—University of North Carolina, at Richmond.

May 4—A. and M. College, at Norfolk.

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ALL GREATLY ENJOY GYMNASIUM TOURNEY

Washington and Lee Athletes Win Prizes in Series of Interesting Events.

LEXINGTON, VA., March 6.—The gymnasium tourney of the Washington and Lee University team was held to-night in the university gymnasium. All the events were most excellently rendered, many of them being feats requiring rare skill and courage. The judge of the events was Captain G. E. Pile, physical director at the Virginia Military Institute. The captain of the team is Mr. F. M. McCutchan, and the manager is Mr. E. A. Hoge. Those composing the team are Messrs. D. P. Boyer, R. B. Pruitt, A. R. Larriek, S. M. Ghiselin, J. W. Eggleston, W. H. Cooper, H. L. Clendenning, J. H. Larriek, E. R. Taylor and R. H. Lloyd.

There were ten entries for the prize on mats. All acquitted themselves creditably. Mr. Pruitt was the winner. On the horizontal bar there were six entries. Mr. Clendenning was the winner. Seven contestants on parallel bars. Mr. J. H. Larriek the winner. Six entries on rings. Mr. Taylor the winner. Mr. Ghiselin the winner. The prizes awarded for these events were watch fobs with the university athletic monogram. The wrestling contest between the Larriek brothers was a draw. The prize, a university pennant, was awarded to both. The prize for the winner in the two events of slack wire juggling contest exhibition and Indian club swinging, was a sweater, and was awarded to Mr. Lloyd for the slack wire and juggling. The all-around prize was awarded to Mr. McCutchan. The prize was a handsomely engraved cup.

The prizes were awarded to the successful contestants by Dr. James Lewis Howe, who was most happy in his remarks when making the awards. The prizes were secured through the generous contributions of certain business men of Lexington.

The concluding number before the awards of prizes was pyramid exhibitions by the team. A large crowd of delighted spectators was present at the exhibition.

BRENT WINS RACE FROM ONE-LEGGED MAN

Kilpatrick, However, Comes Out Well on His Bicycle.